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HAVE REVIEWED REFTEL AND WISH TO POINT OUT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING APPARENT FACTUAL INCONSISTENCIES:

1. REF PARA 2, US ARMY TEAM NOT CURRENTLY IN ZAIRE; HOWEVER, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE MONTH. PRIMARY MISSION OF TEAM IS TO PROVIDE DRIVER TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTION ON NEW EQUIPMENT (I.E. 2-1/2 TON TRUCKS). WE ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE TO GIVE EXPANDED TRAINING ON APCS. RESTORATION TO OPERATION CONDITION NOT REQUIRED SINCE AS OF 3 AUG 76 TEN OF TWELVE APCS OPERATIONAL AND NORMALLY EMPLOYED IN PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ROLE. IT IS WORTHY TO NOTE THAT ONE APC WAS DEADLINED LAST FALL WITHIN THE FIRST 100 MILES BY THE US ARMY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM BECAUSE OF DEFECTIVE PARTS. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, THUS FAR, ZAIRIAN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE PERFORMING ADEQUATELY.

2. WITH REGARD TO INOPERABLE AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN PARA 3, ALL BUT THREE US PROVIDED AIRCRAFT ARE FLYABLE. IN THE CASE OF THE FIVE C130S, ONE IS INOPERABLE BECAUSE OF CRASH DAMAGE AND ONE IS UNDERGOING PERIODIC INSPECTION. THE C130S HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING AN OPERATIONAL STANDARD IN EXCESS OF FIFTY HOURS PER MONTH. ONE

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OF THE CESSNA 310S PROVIDED LAST YEAR IS INOPERABLE BECAUSE OF

MANUFACTURING DEFECT. CESSNA CORP CURRENTLY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM.
ADDITIONALLY, THE BUL OF THIRD COUNTRY PROCURED AIRCRAFT
THAT ARE INOPERABLE ARE SO FOR LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PURCHASE
SPARE PARTS.
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